

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY
Monday, January 14, 2013
Room 210, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Roger Retzlaff, Jeanine Mead, Jacqueline Frank, Alderman Mark Steuer, Chris Naumann, Susan Ley

EXCUSED: Melissa Hauk

GUESTS: Alderman David Boyce, Bill Kloiber, Neil White

The meeting was called to order by Roger Retzlaff at 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ald. Steuer to approve the December 10, 2012 Minutes, seconded by Chris Naumann. Four in favor, one abstention (Jacqueline Frank). Motion carried.

2. DESIGN REVIEW

None.

3. REPORTS

Chris Naumann gave an update on the Broadway District's three projects currently in progress.

Last week, the RDA approved the last financial step for renovation of the Platten Building (corner of Dousman and Broadway). Renovations could begin as early as next week. This building will be converted into 24 apartments (one and two bedroom). Two of them will be rent controlled. State historic tax credits are being utilized for this project.

The House of Home Brew façade is almost complete. The building next to it, owned by Bill Widmer, will be getting a new façade, as well. Bill has an interested tenant who wants to open a new store. This building is not historically protected and the façade will consist of stacked stone.

Roger Retzlaff noted that the materials being used to renovate House of Home Brew were not what they presented to the HPC. The brick scale is different. Chris Naumann stated these materials are an upgrade because of some monies made available by the City. The second component on this structure will be stacked stone.

Chris Naumann recently took a tour of the Glass Nickel Pizza Company and stated the interior is about 50% completed. The steel studs are up. There is a new concrete floor. The upstairs apartments are about half finished. They are scheduled to open in March

and the restaurant will be open in late April or early May, depending upon when the parking lot is finished.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continued projects discussion

It was reported that the historic properties designation list is still being studied and researched.

- b. Building Demotion Waiting Period

Roger stated he met with the law department this week. They are going to begin drafting a resolution for Ald. Steuer to discuss at the city council meeting regarding a 30 day waiting period before demolitions can take place. Ald. Steuer stated he would like to meet with the law department regarding the current HPC Ordinance. He would like the law and planning departments to study the feasibility of an Ordinance that has a little more teeth in it. The ultimate goal is to obtain Certified Local Government status.

- c. 2013 Historic Preservation Awards

Roger discussed having the Mayor's office send out a press release regarding nominations for the awards ceremony which takes place in April. This should also be put on the front page of the website and perhaps an article could be put in the newspaper.

Ald. Boyce suggested having a local technical school do the casting for the award plaques. Ald. Steuer and Ald. Boyce will follow up.

- d. HPC Webpage

Roger indicated the HPC webpage needs to be updated. There is no longer a direct link on the homepage. Ald. Steuer will meet with IT to discuss.

The HPC discussed notifying owners of historic properties of their obligations under the current Ordinance and doing so in an affirmative manner. The goal is to have people become interested in historic preservation.

A map provided by the IT department shows the number of properties over 50 years old makes up 46% of the city. There is currently discussion taking place about razing a section of St. Mary's Church and The Farmer's Exchange Building.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss January 9, 2013 Memo from Planning Regarding Main and Morrow Street Properties

The Green Bay Planning Commission suggested the HPC review this area and perhaps designate it as an historic district. Mayor Tilleman grew up in a house in this area.

A motion made by Ald. Steuer, seconded by Chris Naumann, to table this item until next month's meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Review December Building Activity Report

A motion to receive and place on file was made by Chris Naumann, seconded by Ald. Steuer. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS

Discussion regarding the Schauer & Schumacher building. Ald. Steuer feels the trust may be interested in doing research on this property. Neil White (Economic Development) stated this is currently owned by an investment firm in Florida. It needs a new roof and heating system. The fear is that this will become a parking lot in 18 months. Neil White will gather information and bring it to next month's meeting.

a. Update contact information list

HPC members updated the contact sheet.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of February 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanine Mead, seconded by Susan Ley. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.